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BIRTHS.

At Elmhurst, Penang, on the 12th November,
the wife of Mr. C. W. BARTT, of a daughter.
On November 10th, at No. 77 Main Street,
Yokohama, the wife of BARTIN H. PRATT, of a daughter.At St. Helena, River Valley Road, Singapore,
on 12th Nov., Mrs. A. H. RABURN, of a son.

DEATH.

On 11th October, at Riverside House, Tulse
Hill, London, HARRIET HIDE, widow of the late
Wallace Parsons Hide, of Singapore.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

Some fighting took place near Chifu on the 18th
instant, and also twenty miles from Port
Arthur. In the latter engagement the Japanese
retreated towards Ta Lin Wan.Despatches from Yokohama state that a
Japanese Army Corps left Kinohon on the 16th
and proceeded towards Port Arthur in two
divisions.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

The havoc caused by the earthquake is
terrible, and shocks still continue.

THE WAR IN THE DUTCH INDIES.

The Dutch troops have completed the capture
of Yabrengara, and all the Rajah's treasure
has fallen into their hands.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 22nd.

A horrible case of lynching is reported from
South Carolina, U.S.A. Five negroes, who
were suspected of having murdered a white
official, were tracked by a bloodhound and were
then murdered by an infuriated and bloodthirsty
mob.Advices from Honolulu state that the mission
of Messrs. Mercer and Sandford Fleming to
Hawaii in connection with the Pacific cable has
not been successful with regard to obtaining the
island of Necker. The Provisional Government
is opposed to conceding or leasing the island,
owing to the existence of a treaty with the
United States Government.M. Felix Faure, the French Minister of
Marine, states that France is about to build an
ironclad, three cruisers, and ten torpedo boats.
He adds that the French Admiralty are pre-
paring the plans of the *Corsair*, a cruiser which
is expected to attain a speed of twenty-three
knots per hour, and which will have a great
coal-carrying capacity.The Times urges the Australian Colonies to
come under the operation of the recently con-
cluded Anglo-Japanese Treaty. It points out
that the trade benefits gained by them by taking
this step will outweigh the influx of Japanese
into the colonies which will possibly follow.Mr. James Harold Smith, manager of the
Mercara Tile Factory, Coorg, who on the 23rd
instant murdered his wife at Yellabunka, near
Bangalore, by shooting three times at her with a
revolver, died in the Mysore Government City
Hospital last night, cravelling having supervised
the funeral of his wife. After the murder, he
was trying to commit suicide. After the murder,
he shot in his head so as to affect his speech that
he died dumb. On the subject of the details
attending his dastardly act, his mother-in-law,
Mrs. Devereux, whom he also shot in the neck,
has almost quite recovered.Lahore, October 31st.
While on baggage guard from Peshawar to
Cherat a private of the King's Royal Rifles had
his Lee-Netford rifle snatched from him by two
daring Pathan thieves. "Tommy" captured
one, but the other fled with the rifle.Allahabad, November 1st.
Eleven Volunteer carbines, twelve bayonets,
and some pouches and belts, have been stolen
from St. Peter's College Armoury, Agra. The
thieves dug through a wall, thirty inches thick,
effect an entrance. The police are investigat-
ing, but have discovered no clue to the robbers
yet.Lahore, November 1st.
A daring and well-planned decoy was com-
mitted within a few miles of Peshawar on the
Grand Trunk road to Ludhiana. Several dacoits
dressed as policemen stopped a gang of travellers
who had boats and ekkas with them, and began
to search their things on the pretence of finding
smuggled opium in the luggage. Suddenly
several real police people came up, who now found
out what the false police were about, and a hand-
to-hand struggle with knives ensued. The police
being fewer were overpowered, and one man had
his arm fractured. The thieves escaped, but the
police have succeeded in finding a trace of them.LONDON, November 2nd.
A telegram just received from Lima declares
the reported attack on the British Consulate at
Callao by insurgents is unfounded. The British
Squadron at Vancouver sailed for the South
probably to protect British subjects and property
in view of a revolution in Peru.Reuters correspondent at Yokohama tele-
graphs that the Japanese have captured Port
Arthur.The Queen has forwarded a message of
condolence to the Russian Imperial family. Her
Majesty expresses her hearty sympathy, which
she declares is shared by all her faithful subjects.
Serious news has been received from North
Peru. The insurgents at Callao attacked the
British Consulate there, and it is reported the
insurgents made the British Consul a prisoner,
his wife and daughter were killed. It is further
reported that the British Consulate is already
burned by the insurgents. The British Squad-
ron at Vancouver has been hastily ordered to
proceed to Callao.PARIS, November 2nd.
In consequence of the death of the Czar there
will be official and private demonstrations and
mourning throughout France; the theatres and
other places of amusement will be closed; the
Chamber of Deputies will be adjourned.St. Petersburg, November 2nd.
A manifesto has been issued to the Russian
people by the Czar, signed Nicholas II,
declaring he will be mindful of his august father's
legacy. He solemnly vows to make a peaceful
development of the power and glory of Russia,
and to secure happiness to his subjects to be
his sole aim.After the issue of the evening bulletin on
Wednesday the late Czar gradually sank. At
about forenoon on Thursday, a serious collapse
came on, and the members of the Imperial
family were summoned into the room. The
Court Chaplain administered the extreme unction
and read the prayers for the dying; his Majesty
rapidly sank and quietly passed away, conscious
to the last moment, in the presence of the
assembled family at fifteen minutes past two
p.m.ALLAHABAD, November 2nd.
Mr. Justice Blair, presiding at the Allahabad
Criminal Sessions, has been occupied the last
three days in trying the sensational case of
Assistant Surgeon O'Donoghue, Indian Medical
Service, on the charge of drugging and assaulting
a Miss Matthews. The prisoner was sentenced
to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.November 3rd.
A rumour has reached Tunk that 3,000
Wazirah had collected with the intention of
attacking Jandala today. Reinforcements have
been sent and are expected to reach there on
Monday. The Jandala garrison thus strengthened
is considered quite capable of repelling any
attack.LONDON, November 3rd.
A Chinese report has been received here of the
recapture of Kinlinching and of the Japanese
losing three thousand men.Advices from Argentina state that the Supreme
Court has confirmed the extradition of Jaber
Balfour.PARIS, November 3rd.
War between France and Madagascar is
imminent. News has been received that M. de
Meyre de Villars, French Plenipotentiary, has left
the Hova capital without receiving any answer
to the French demands.LIMA, November 3rd.
A report received from the War Office
delimitation states that a determined
attack was made upon the camp of the escort at
5.30 a.m. this morning, the enemy being beaten
off with considerable loss.LONDON, November 3rd.
General Philip Smith has died.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 4th.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have arrived
at Livadia.LONDON, November 4th.
The eminently pacific language in which the
manifesto of the Emperor Nicholas announcing
his accession to the Throne of Russia is couched,
has given great satisfaction throughout Europe.PARIS, November 4th.
The French newspapers of every shade of
opinion express confidence that the excellent
relations between Russia and France which the
late Emperor inaugurated will be continued by
his son, notwithstanding his intended marriage
with a German Princess. The French news-
papers are too sanguine in making the above
statement, as the new Czar's leanings are quite
unknown.It is expected that the French Government
will ask the Chamber of Deputies for a credit
of sixty million francs for a campaign in
Madagascar.LAHORE, November 4th.
A telegram from camp Wazo, from the
Waziristan escort, dated November 3rd, states
that the enemy attacked early this morning about
two or three thousand strong, and there was
desperate hand-to-hand fighting for some
minutes. Though the enemy made repeated
and very brave rushes, they were driven back
each time finally retreating, leaving over one
hundred dead and many wounded.Our casualties are: Lieutenant P. J. Macaulay,
R. E., killed; Captain Lang, 1st Gurkhas;
Lieutenants Angelo and Herbert, 1st Gurkhas;
Sergeant-Major Halg, 1st Punjab Cavalry;
Lieutenant Hornby, 24th Belochistan Regiment,
Ordnery Officer, all wounded, but doing well and
not in danger; Lieut. Thompson, 26th Punjab
Infantry, is also wounded. Two Gurkhas, native
officers and seventeen Gorkhas were killed and
thirty-two Gorkhas wounded.A strong party has gone in pursuit of the
enemy with whom they have come into touch
and are slaying many. The enemy's dead bodies
are recognized to be Mahsuds from the Makin
and Abdul Rahman Khels from the Kalsara
Valley. Casualties amongst the followers were
twenty-three killed and twenty wounded. The
enemy displayed heroic boldness, but have
suffered enormously and are not likely to renew
their attack again.LONDON, November 5th.
Despatches speak of an important naval
battle, but they give no details.An attempt to blow up the house of the Hon.
Reginald B. Brett, M.A., and J.P., at Mayfair,
W., took place yesterday. The bomb exploded
opposite the premises, smashing the front door
and all the windows. Nobody was hurt. The
motives of the outrage is not known.It is believed that the bomb which exploded
opposite the house of the Hon. Reginald Brett
was intended to destroy the adjoining house of
the Hon. Sir Henry Hawkins, as several
anarchists were lately tried before him as one
of the Judges of the Queen's Bench division and
were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.The Daily News in a leading article this
morning says, "whether a further effort towards
friendly mediation between China and Japan is
now possible on the part of the British
Government. Owing to Great Britain's immense
commercial interests in the Far East, the British
Government, it says, has an indisputable right
to recommend the adoption on the point of a
policy to the great Powers."The Prince of Wales's Birthday on the 9th
last will not be celebrated owing to the death
of the Emperor Alexander of Russia and Japan.
At a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of
Commerce yesterday, a resolution was passed
declaring that the necessity for fresh sources of
revenue in India was solely due to the fall in
exchange, and urging the Government to adopt
a policy of international bimetalism in order to
alleviate the imposition of the import duties and
revolve the continuance of the exchange
difficulty.ST. PETERSBURG, November 5th.
A most gracious reply has been forwarded by
the Emperor Nicholas to the message of
sympathy with the Imperial family received
from Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.PARIS, November 6th.
The Czar has warmly thanked General
Mercier for the sympathetic message of the
French army on the death of the late Czar. A
similar message has been received by the
French Minister of Marine.General Baidoff and Admiral Gervais have
been selected to attend the obsequies of the late
Czar.The French Foreign Minister has received the
Chinese Ambassador, and assured him that
France will join the Powers in bringing about
peace between China and Japan.NEW YORK, November 6th.
Advices received from Georgia state that
incendiary fires have broken out on seven British
steamers lying in Savannah harbour.
About 4,000 bales have been damaged.PEKING, November 6th.
China is disposed to conclude a peace with
Japan on the basis of an acknowledgment of the
sovereignty of Korea, and the payment of such
war indemnity to Japan as shall be fixed by the
great Powers.LONDON, November 6th.
The Standard, in a leading article to-day,
warns Japan that she may lose the whole of
the fruits of her victory by clutching at too
much, and urges the intervention of the great
Powers to prevent the disintegration of China.SINGAPORE, November 7th.
Further troubles are reported from Beluchistan
but of what extent is not known.NEW YORK, November 7th.
The Tammany Hall Democrats have been
utterly defeated by their opponents, the cry being
"Municipal Corruption." Owing to the success
of the Republicans at the polls their majority in
the House of Representatives will now exceed
the Democrats and Populists combined by 15.LONDON, November 7th.
Mr. H. H. Johnston, British Commissioner to
Central Africa, at present in England, delivered
a lecture to a crowded audience at Liverpool
yesterday, in the course of which he said that
the welfare of Central Africa could only be
attained by the co-operation of British India
with the negroes, in order to secure which he
advocated offering land to Indian colonists so as
to induce them to settle in the country.A well attended meeting of merchants and
manufacturers was held at Manchester to-day,
when resolutions were passed for the establish-
ment of a Cotton Association, for Manchester.
The Managing Director of the Manchester Ship
Canal announced that the Company was pre-
pared to accept tenders from India by which
the direct shipment of place goods from Man-
chester to India.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hankow races are fixed for the 22nd and
23rd inst.THE French cruiser *Alger* left for the North this
afternoon.A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held
to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.LORD Randolph Churchill was at Penang, en
route to Rangoon, on the 9th inst.THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship
Empress of China arrived at Vancouver yester-
day at 7.30 p.m.THE Government dredger, which foundered in
the typhoon that raged here on the 5th ult., was
raised from the bottom of the deep blue sea
yesterday.AN Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No.
325, will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.FOURTEEN days' hard labour was the dose of
physic administered by Mr. Wodehouse at his
leave this morning to a Chinese chef who
annexed a tin of coffee belonging to "Leithbridge
Lodge" mess.CAPT. Raymond returned to the colony from
Manila by the *Esmeralda* last night after
successfully delivering to her owners at the
capital of the Philippines the little launch
Samar, built by the Hongkong and Whampoa
Dock Co.At the Magistracy to-day, Lai Hing, storekeeper
in the employ of the Kowloon Godown Co., was
sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for con-
cealing a flask of quinine, valued at £60,
under some goods in the godown with intent to
defraud his employers.Mr. Otori, late Minister to Korea, was granted
an audience by the Emperor at Hiroshima on
the 8th instant, when the ex-Minister made to
His Majesty a detailed report of the condition of
affairs in Korea. It is said that Mr. Otori has
been appointed a Privy Councillor.FROM Shanghai comes another report that
Moukden is taken, says the *Yokohama Mail* of the
12th instant. Does Shanghai imagine that
General Yamagata's Army has wings?—Well,
of course Shanghai thinks nothing of the sort,
neither does the *Hongkong Telegraph*.THE revised Treaty between Japan and the
United States is expected to be signed in a few
days, says a Hiroshima telegram to the
Mail. At the same time it is reported that
Count Ito and Viscount Mutsu were to leave
Hiroshima for Tokyo on the 11th instant.CHANG CHIH TUNG, the ex-Wuchang Viceroy,
arrived in Nanking on the 8th inst., and took
over the seals of office on the 9th. No mutual
display was made over his arrival and installa-
tion into his new position. The question now
in the minds of everyone is, what is to be done
with Liu Kun Yih.We are glad to be able to report that Mr.
Wald Gillies, the able and indefatigable Sec-
retary of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, who
has been slightly indisposed for several days, has
sufficiently recovered his wonted health, and
strength to be able to resume his important
duties at the Head Office of the Company.THERE was another large and enthusiastic
audience at Harmanston's Mammoth Show at
West Point last night, when a very attractive
programme was gone through to the entire
satisfaction of the spectators. The same liberal
bill of fare will be provided for the audience to-
night, when more watches will be given away.We are asked to announce to the
Gymkhana on Saturday the jumping contest, to
be postponed from Friday, the 23rd, until
Wednesday the 28th instant, in deference to the
wishes of the competitors generally.At the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. C. D.
Wilkinson, solicitor, appeared before Mr. E. J.
Ackroyd, Acting Chief Justice, on behalf of Mr.
Smith Allison, merchant and commission agent,
whose petition was filed in bankruptcy on
Monday. He stated that the petitioner applied
for a receiving order. There had not been time
to file a statement of accounts, but there was a
considerable amount of assets from which he
hoped to be able to pay about 50 per cent. The
cause of bankruptcy was the utter stagnation of
trade in the colony during the last few months.
Besides office and household furniture, the
petitioner had goods in godowns upon a
portion of which value had been advanced by
his creditors. His lordship made the
usual Receiving Order, appointed Mr. Bruce
Shepherd trustee, and adjourned the further
hearing until Monday week.JUDGMENT was delivered at Singapore on the
13th inst. by Mr. Collyer in the *Nanyang*
Ingbar case. This was a claim for salvage
fruits on an agreement for \$20,000, and in the
alternative for services rendered by the
Ingbar to the *Nanyang* after her stranding
on the 5th August on Soroboto Island,
in the Straits of Malacca. There was a
counter-claim by the *Nanyang* for damages
caused by collision on the *Ingbar* in towing her off the reef. After hear-
ing expert evidence his lordship set aside
the agreement for \$20,000, as oppressive and
inequitable, and gave judgment for the plaintiffs
for \$13,052.50, for salvage services, finding
for the defendants on the counter-claim. Some
of the reasons given as to the question of costs, Mr.
Donaldson contended (on behalf of the owners
of the *Nanyang*) that as he had succeeded
on the counter-claim he was entitled to costs.
Ultimately it was arranged that the *Ingbar*
should bear half the costs of the action.OUR morning contemporary is apparently afraid
to mention the name of the Japanese Consul
stationed in Hongkong, otherwise it would hardly
have published this morning under the caption
"Capture of Hsienyen by the Japanese" the
quoted statement that "the following telegram,
received last night, has been placed at our dis-
posal" in reference to the latest emanation from
the elastic imaginations of the directors of that
unique collection of non-descript known as the
Japanese News Bureau whose head office is, we
believe, in Tokyo. The "news" thus referred to
by the *Daily Press*, the veracity of which the
Telegraph begs leave to doubt, reads as
follows:—"A detachment of the Japanese First Army
Corps made a successful attack on Hsienyen
where the enemy were reported to be 20,000
strong on the 18th inst. The attack commenced
at 4 a.m. and by 9 a.m. possession of the place
was taken. The Chinese troops fled towards the
south-west."We learn on good authority that the combined
land and sea attack on Port Arthur was expected
to commence to-day, the 21st inst.The *Hongkong Telegraph* remembers that the
Japanese fleet on the 20th of Port Arthur
and Harbin was a week ago.The China Merchants' steamer *Kwan-tai* arrived
here this afternoon from Shanghai. She now
flies the British flag.CAPTAIN M. O'BRIEN, of the United States
Army, Captain W. W. Du Boulay, and Surgeon-
Major Taylor, of the British Army, who have
been attached to the Japanese Headquarters in
China, arrived at Yokohama on the 8th instant
on their way to the front.

THE CUSTOMS BLOCKADE.

INTERESTING CHINESE EXTRADITION CASE.

At the Police Court this morning three Chinese
junks, named Chan Kai-chun, Lung Chih-
li, and Wong Chun-li, were charged on remand
before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse at the instance of
the Chinese Government with assaulting Paul
Brossman and three Chinese seamen of the
Customs launch *Kwan-tai* respectively with
intent to do them grievous bodily harm on the
8th instant within the jurisdiction of China.Mr. C. Ewins again represented the Chinese
authorities, while Mr. H. L. Denys, specially
retained by friends of the Chinese seamen,
appeared for the defence.Mr. Ewins said that the application for the
extradition of the prisoners had been sent to the
Governor through the Customs authorities and
would probably reach his Excellency to-day, and
he therefore asked for a further remand.Mr. Denys—The Chinese Government has
no *locus standi* whatever in this case, and they
are not the complainants.Mr. Ewins—If your Worship thinks the
prisoners did not intend to inflict any grievous
bodily harm you can nevertheless try them for
common assault.Mr. Denys—According to the evidence
already led I ask for the prisoners' uncondi-
tional discharge.His Worship—Case remanded till 10.30 on
Monday.Mr. Denys—I ask for bail, your Worship.
Mr. Ewins—I think your Worship has no
power to grant bail in extradition cases.Mr. Denys—That's all both!
Mr. Ewins—It would be very unpleasant for
the colony if the prisoners escaped.Mr. Denys—Your Worship hears his remark
"unpleasant for the colony," as if it was to be
bothered by the defendants.His Worship—They might escape to the
mainland if I grant bail.Mr. Ewins—Perhaps to Singapore!
His Worship—If you formally object to bail
I will disallow it.Mr. Denys—I do.
Mr. Denys—I hope your Worship has noted
that I applied for bail on behalf of the prisoners.His Worship—Yes, I am noting it.
The defendants were then removed in custody
pending the further hearing of the charge, re-
ferred against them by the Customs authorities,
on Monday, the 26th inst.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

The following are the entries and weights
for the events to be decided at the Gymkhana
Meeting on Saturday next:—THREE-QUARTER MILE RACE; for all China
ponies; weight for inches as per scale;
Handicap Polo; ponies allowed 7 lbs.;
winners at a Gymkhana meeting of this
season, for each race 5 lbs. extra; winners at
any race meeting of one race 5 lbs. extra, of
two or more races 7 lbs. extra; penalties
accumulative; entrance fee \$1.00; first prize
a Cup value about \$40.00; second 70 per cent.
of the entrance fees; third 30 per cent.Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's d. Duart, 11st 11lb
Mr. Jackson's gr. Exchange, 11st 11lb
Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Viper, 11st 11lb
Captain Thomas's b. Elision, 11st 7lb
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Catterburn, 11st 6lb
Mr. J. D. Humphreys's gr. Swift, 11st 6lb
Mr. M. M. Gray's ch. Engineer, 11stLADIES' NOMINATION; A Costume Race.—
The Nominees will face the Starting Post,
which will be about 200 yards up the
course, mounted and in ordinary riding kit.
Each Nomineer will provide a Costume,
which will be placed in covers provided on
the ground. These covers the Nominees will
draw for by lot before starting, and race with
them to their respective Nominees, who will
stand in a line opposite the Judge's box and
whom they assist in dressing operation. Finish
"on Costume" round a Flag placed about 100
yards up the course. To win or a place, must
be properly dressed in the costume provided.
Three Prizes. The First to the Nomineer who
provides the best dress as to originality
and style. All points to be decided by a
Committee of Ladies appointed.Capt. Thomas's Stonehenge, Mr. Wynne Eytan,
Mr. Lambard's Gungaden, Miss Jackson,
Mr. Stevenson's Partisan, Miss Mary Hartigan,
Mr. Landale's Endeavour, Miss Anton,
Major Lyle's Hardout, Mrs. Combe,
Captain Murray's The Friar, Miss Barker,
ONE MILE HANDICAP; for all China Ponies;
entries to close on Saturday, Nov. 17th;
Entrance Fee \$1.00; if non-acceptance
not declared to the Hon. Secretary
before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th;
weights will be notified on Monday, the 19th
November; first prize a Cup value about
\$60.00; second Prize 70 per cent. of entrance
fees; third 30 per cent.Mr. Crickshank's gr. Havoc, 12st 6lb
Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Viper, 12st 6lb
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's d. Duart, 11st 8lb
Mrs. Dalrymple's gr. Chesal (late Bobtail)
11st

to war with France over the question of Madagascar; and now the "leading journal" has allowed itself and its readers to be misled by false information into the belief that the British Government had committed a blunder of the first rank in the conduct of the critical business of Eastern diplomacy. The country will not be so ready to believe another time. But it has to be observed that the Ministers themselves, by the manner and circumstances of their recent meeting, helped to lend some colour to the false rumours that got afloat; and also that their own friends were among the readiest to believe that they blundered. One critic, at least, judging by the ready belief he has given to these tales, and the uncorroborated story with which he has relied upon them as proof of Lord Rosebery's failure as Prime Minister, will be disappointed to hear that the Government are still in sound paths of foreign policy.

In point of fact, up to the present time China has never once appealed to the Powers to intervene for the all-important reason that she is, metaphorically speaking, "as safe as a church," as far as the invasion by the "Marionettes of the Orient"—the "England of the Orient" if you please—is concerned. And it is, moreover, equally certain that Great Britain was never better prepared to intervene at the proper moment than she is today, the upsurings of self-interested hirings of the Japanese Government to the contrary notwithstanding, as time will assuredly show in the not distant future. All the stories of intervention that have hitherto emanated from the facile imaginations of Reuters' agents in the East and the "Times" backbones flunkies have been based on nothing more reliable than the "gossip" of mischievous yamen-runners members of dangerous secret societies and the empty vapourings of the Japanese News Bureau in Tokio. There has been no appeal by China for intervention of any kind, and the reports of such suicidal folly on the part of the advisers of the Emperor Kwang-shan are silly inventions of the enemy and nothing more.

MR. T. H. WHITEHEAD AS THE "COLONIAL HAMPER"

AN INDIAN CONTEMPORARY ON HONGKONG AFFAIRS

A cry for representative Government comes from the Far East, the Colonial Hampden, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, having first raised it. It is Hongkong this time which is the subject of the management of its own affairs, and to be treated as other British possessions are. Whereas fifty years ago the colony was founded on a barren rock, the abode of a few fishermen and pirates, it is now a city and settlement with upwards of a quarter of a million inhabitants, and a trade estimated annually at about forty million sterling, yet its form of government is practically the same as it was fifty years ago, and it is claimed that the time has come for a change. The whole interests of the colony are, it is to be represented to the House of Commons; inextricably and permanently bound up in the good administration of the colony, in the efficiency of its executive, and the soundness of its finance. They are allowed to take only a limited part in the government of the colony, and are not permitted to have any really effective voice in the management of its affairs, external or internal. Being purely a Crown Colony, it is governed by a Governor, appointed by the Queen, and by an Executive Council, and a Legislative Council. The former is composed wholly of Officers of the Crown, nominated and appointed by the Queen; the latter consists of seven official members, elected and appointed by the Queen, and five unofficial members, two of whom are nominated by the Governor, and the other three by the Colony, while the other three are selected by the Governor, and all are appointed by His Majesty. The Executive Council sits and deliberates in secret. The Legislative Council sits with open doors, and its proceedings appear to admit of full and unfeigned discussion, but it is alleged there is virtually no true freedom of debate. Questions are considered and settled, and the policy to be adopted by the Government in connection therewith is decided in the Executive Council. They are then brought before the Legislative Council, where the Government—the official members being in a majority—can secure the passing of any measure, in face of any opposition on the part of the unofficial members, who are thus limited to objecting and protesting—and this is mostly in vain, for members who have but short experience in the colony and are not in touch with it and its aspirations, determine what shall or shall not be done. Mr. Whitehead urges that the officials appointed to Hongkong are there so short a time that it is impossible to get into touch with it. Their appointments in that colony are merely stepping-stones to others, and could they do so and vote accordingly when any difference of opinion arose, they would run the risk of a conflict with the Governor. The unofficial members, it is pointed out on the other hand, are persons who have passed large portions of their lives in the colony, and who either have permanent personal interests in it, or hold prominent positions of trust which connect them most closely with its affairs, and are, therefore, the more likely to have been required to carefully study its real needs, and to have thoroughly acquainted themselves with the methods by which these are best to be met. And what they and the class from whom they are selected now wish is that they may be given a greater voice in a control. Their request is not at all extravagant. All that they ask is that they may be placed upon a similar footing to Malta, Cyprus, Mauritius, and British Honduras. For they have official seats in the Executive Council, power of election, and other kindred privileges, and none of these colonies have commercial or industrial industries of the same magnitude or importance as those of Hongkong. In brief, Hongkong is asked for the free election of representatives of British nationality in the Legislative Council; a majority in the Council of such elected representatives; perfect freedom of debate for the official members, with power to vote according to their conscientious convictions, without being called to account or endangered in their positions by their votes; complete control in the Council over local expenditure; the management of local affairs; and a consultative voice in questions of an Imperial character. It is a modest request, and we hope it may be granted.—*Bombay Gazette.*

SIAM NEWS.

It is reported that a bridge on the Paknam line has broken down, and that for a few days during the past week the traffic has been maintained by engines running from Bangkok and Paknam, and the transfer of passengers over the broken bridge. It was only some two weeks ago that a desperate attempt was made to burn down one of the Company's bridges.

The mortality among the coolies, on the Korat Railway, for the months of August and September, is said to be great. The fever and dysentery cases also show an increase on the previous months. This is owing in a great measure to the heavy rains that have fallen in these parts, and also to the unhealthy position, where work is now going on, in the middle of the extensive forest known formerly as Dong-Phe-Tie.

The prospects from the chief rice districts are still promising, and every hope is held out that 1894-95 will be a bumper year. The crops in the immediate neighbourhood of Bangkok are suffering somewhat from want of moisture, and the inhabitants have been busy during the last week in pumping the waters brought up by the high tides into the parched paddy fields. A few light showers of rain at the present time, would, it is generally believed, be of great service to the condition and quantity of the coming crop.

We regret to learn that Miss Hutchinson, who lately came out as governess to Phra Vichit's children, has been very sick, and been removed to the hospital in a very kind-hearted manner. English governesses coming out to Siam ought to insist on being provided with residences of their own, or of being allowed to make arrangements whereby they can reside with Europeans. Life in a Siamese mansion is totally unsuited to young ladies fresh from home, or for young ladies of some experience in the East for a matter of that. The palaces so glibly talked of by the lady reporters of home papers, who may happen to gush on Siamese celebrities, are too often in the air; and sad awakenings would be spared English young ladies if they expected less place and more hardship on coming to Siam. No Siamese house, however well ordered, is a place for the English governess, and this fact had better be clearly understood by young ladies who may be intending to take up appointments as governesses in private Siamese families.—*Siam Free Press.*

BANGKOK, November 10th. New paddy, we are informed, has begun to arrive, and some of the rice firms have already commenced milling. Two cholera cases have occurred in Bangkok this week, one proving fatal. Cholera has also been committed ravages in the Ratturi and Bang Phang districts.

Mr. De Bunsen (H.B.M. Chargé d'Affaires) accompanied by Mr. Beckett (Acting-Consul) paid an official visit to the Foreign Minister (H.R.H. Prince Devawongse) on Thursday. It is expected that his Majesty will shortly grant an audience to the British and United States Representatives and receive their credentials.

An inquiry into the circumstances attending the loss of the *Memaw* has been proceeding this week. Considerable surprise has been caused by the statement in a local paper that there was only one European officer on board, there being three who held certificates as "captains a long course," and two European engineers. Lieut. Pettit, of the *Atipha*, has visited the vessel, the deck of which is above water. He finds that a large launch and a lighter which the *Memaw* was towing caused an error of 11 degrees in her compass. The effect of this was that the Captain lost his bearings and ran upon the rock he was trying to avoid. After the first shock the vessel got off into deep water, but finding they were rapidly sinking the Captain turned and ran her at full speed upon the rock, thus saving great loss of life.

The King made his first public appearance for many months on Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of taking part in the *Tant Katin* ceremonies. Leaving the Palace shortly after half-past five, His Majesty, accompanied by the Crown Prince and several of his younger brothers, arrived at Wat Rachapradit in a state coach, drawn by four handsome horses, about 5.50, escorted by a strong detachment of cavalry, and followed by several carriages containing the Royal Princes and Ministers. A great assemblage of the Siamese nobility were waiting to receive the King and accompanied him into the Wat, where he stayed about half an hour, performing the usual devotions and making gifts to the priests. He appeared very much improved in health, though rather careworn, and on leaving walked to his carriage without assistance. Large crowds of Siamese and others thronged the vicinity, and his Majesty was received on all hands with demonstrations of delight. A similar visit was afterwards made to Wat Rachapradit, the procession returning to the Palace by Phang Nak Street. En route his Majesty cordially saluted all the Europeans who came under his notice.—*Bangkok Times.*

BANGKOK, November 11th. His Majesty's yacht *Alpola* will shortly be ready, as new boilers have been put in and she has had a thorough overhaul. Two more rice mills are in course of erection—one owned by the firm Kwang Hap Seng and the other by Ho Heng & Co. They are both on the west side of the river, and below the Arracan Company's premises.

We learn that the *Optim Farmers' launch* has recently been lost. It appears that the launch, when going down the river on the night of the 28th ultimo, collided with some junk opposite Windsor & Co's, and capsized.

Several gangs of Chinese were seen being marched to the Bangkok Police Station on the 6th inst, with police escort, and on enquiry we learned that they were tax-defaulter. Considering that the tax is only 4 Ticals for three years, it is surprising that such large numbers should attempt to evade it.

The well known Klong Morn brick kilns have been sold by the widow of the late Mr. John Clunio for 4,000 Ticals. The purchasers are the Bangkok Tramways Co., but the rights of the present lessee, Mr. A. Maclean, will not be interfered with.

We understand that Mr. Cairns is returning to Bangkok immediately. The mill in Manila in which he had an interest was sold last month to Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co. of that place for \$125,000, and Mr. Cairns was to have left there on the 1st instant.

A small new steamer of 70 or 80 feet long, built in Bangkok, drawing about 4 or 5 feet of water, and owned by the firm Kim Seng Lee, has got stuck above Paknam, owing to a sudden fall in the water. Two elephants failed to pull her out, so that she will have to wait there for one year.

The steamer *Wing Tong* arrived from Hongkong on the morning of the 6th inst, consigned to Messrs. Andersen & Co. We understand that, on the arrival of the vessel, H. E. Phya Monti purchased it for \$12,000. The vessel is 81 feet long, and is of a similar type to the vessel that came from Hongkong for Messrs. Wang Lee.

The *Hiddehal*, which was chartered by Messrs. Clarke & Co., is now lying outside the bar. During her voyage from Hongkong she had strong winds to contend with, and this, coupled with her not having a clean bottom, accounts for her not arriving to the chartered time. It is not now likely that she will load in Bangkok.

The *Wing Tong* was purchased from Messrs. Andersen & Co. at Hongkong for H.E. Phya Monti for his own private use, and not for Messrs. Andersen & Co. as reported by us in error on the 8th inst. The length of the vessel is 90 feet, and, having been certified as a Siamese vessel by the Siamese Consul at Hongkong, she left that port under the Siamese flag.

For the first time in the history of the Company the meeting was a full one; Dr. Hays occupied the chair, and the other directors present were Commodore Riebell, Messrs. W. Steinhilber, R. A. Finch, Chom Sirasack and Phya Samud. The business before the meeting was of a fourfold nature. The first matter was the authorizing of the recent purchase of the brick field by Mr. Westenholz on behalf of the Company; the second was the declaring of a dividend of 16 per cent. for the past three months (equal to 16 per cent. per annum); the third being the granting of permission to Mr. Westenholz to occupy part of his time in the preparation of a prospectus for the Petchaburi Railway; and the fourth was a private matter.—*Siam Observer.*

GOVERNMENT ROADS.

Chili owns 670 miles of railway. Japan owns 608 miles of railway. Baden owns 820 miles of railway. Sweden owns 1,645 miles of railway. Ireland owns 2,791 miles of railway. England and Wales own 14,093 miles. South Australia owns her railway system. China owns and operates all her railways. Oldenburg owns 222 miles of her railway. Belgium owns about 2,000 miles of railway. Hesse owns 236 miles of her railway system. Victoria owns all her railways—2,341 miles. Norway has 920 miles of railway—all her own. Brazil owns and operates 2,091 miles of railway. Poland and Caucasus own 5,005 miles of railway. Roumania in 1880 owned 1,500 miles of railway. New South Wales owns 2,182 miles of railway. The colony of Natal owns 305 miles of railway. Scotland has 3,118 miles belonging to the State. Some 181 miles of railway are owned by Ceylon. New Zealand in 1890 owned 672 miles of railway. Prussia has 1,615 miles of railways owned by the State. Austria owns and operates nearly 3,000 miles of railway. The German Empire owns about 21,840 miles of railway. Serbia also has a few lines of railway owned by the State. Portugal owns about one-half the railways to the country. Bavaria has 2,896 miles of railway owned by the government. The United States of Columbia owned 218 miles of railway in 1890. The Netherlands has nearly 1,000 miles owned by the Government. Denmark has about 1,000 miles of railroad owned by the Government. France owns about 2,000 miles of railway, but most, or quite all, is leased to companies. A large per cent. of the railways of Italy belong to the Government, but are leased to companies. Some 1,137 miles of railroad in Finland belong to Russia. About one-tenth of the roads in that Empire are owned by the Government. The United States has paid for constructing, and ought to own by foreclosing her mortgages, 1,865 miles of railroad, extending from San Francisco to the Missouri river.

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ROBERT LOVE, Manager. S. RIECH, General Agent. Hongkong, 21st November, 1894. (1199)

ZETLAND LODGE. No. 525.

THE MEETING of this LODGE advertised for MONDAY, the 19th instant, is CANCELLED. Instead of it a LODGE of EMERGENCY will be held THIS EVENING, the 21st instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1894. (1190)

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TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 21st November, 1894. (1215)

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. MEETING to be held on FRIDAY, at 2 P.M. and on SATURDAY, at 10 A.M., 23rd and 24th November.

1.—Association. Carbine competition. Distance, 500 yards. No. of shots, seven. Entrance, one dollar. Any position. Four prizes: \$8.00, \$4.00, \$2.00, \$1.00.

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